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For: RECYCLING OF IONIC LIQUIDS
PRODUCED IN EXTRACTIVE
DISTILLATION

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AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment regarding the Preliminary Amendment which was filed on February 2, 2006. It was understood that the prior amendment was considered non-compliant because the original application contained 14 claims which were not addressed in the Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, the present Preliminary Amendment cancels the original fourteen claims and renumbers the added claims as claims 15-26.